

8. (Amended) A process according to Claim 6 [or 7] wherein the wall thickness of the first tube is selected to be the same or different to the wall thickness of the second tube.

9. (Amended) A process according to [any preceding claim] Claim 1 wherein a barrier layer is located [inbetween] between the inner and outer end portions prior to radial expansion.

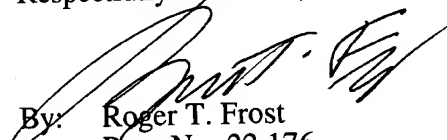
REMARKS

These amendments remove all multiple dependencies from the claims. The amendments thus reduce the total number of claims for fee purposes, and also place all claims in condition for examination on their merits.

The foregoing amendments also correct minor spelling mistakes in certain claims.

The Applicants request entry of this amendment and awaits examination in due course.

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